TRANSFORMERS ANIMATED

RATCHET & GRIMLOCK ARE DEAD?

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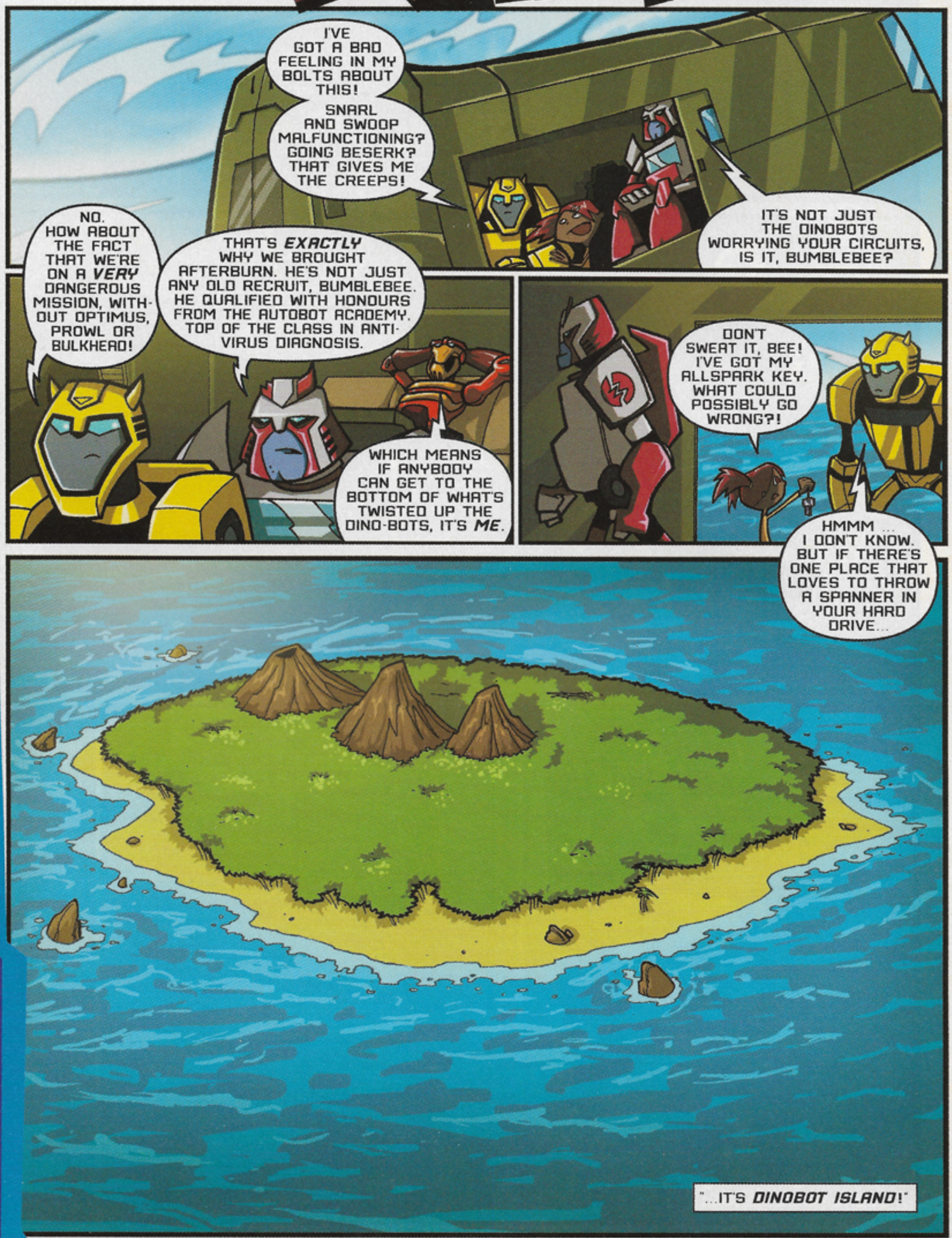

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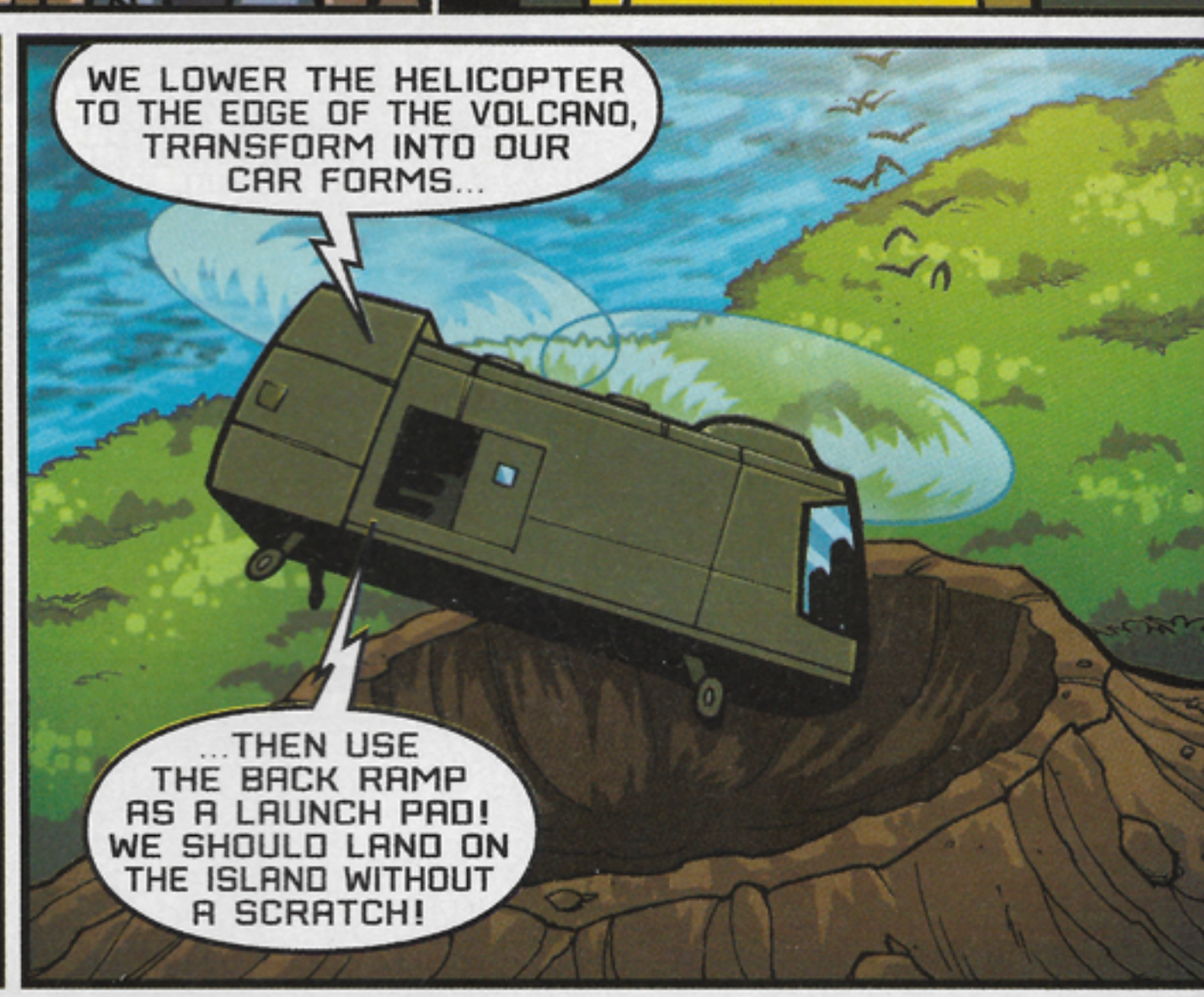
CAPTAIN FANZONE, WHAT'S OUR ETA*?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WALKING TOASTERS TALKED ME INTO HELPING! IF IT WAS UP TO ME I'D REMOVE YOUR BATTERIES AND RECYCLE YOU INTO NOVELTY DUST BINS!
*ETA : 'ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL'

HUMPH. THE WIND'S TOO STRONG ON THE ISLAND TO SAFELY LAND THE HELICOPTER. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE A JUMP FOR IT!
DON'T WORRY CAPTAIN, WE'RE AUTOBOTS. WE'RE ADAPTABLE!

I CAN'T ADAPT INTO A *PLANE*! IF I WANTED TO FLY, I'D HAVE APPLIED TO BE A *DECEPTICON*!

RELAX, BUMBLEBEE, THERE'S AN EASY SOLUTION.
TONK TONK
OH, REALLY? PLEASE GO AHEAD AND SHARE THE BIG SECRET. I'M LISTENING ON ALL FREQUENCIES!


WE LOWER THE HELICOPTER TO THE EDGE OF THE VOLCANO, TRANSFORM INTO OUR CAR FORMS...
...THEN USE THE BACK RAMP AS A LAUNCH PAD! WE SHOULD LAND ON THE ISLAND WITHOUT A SCRATCH!

YOU KNOW... THAT'S PRETTY GOOD. IT JUST MIGHT WORK.
IT'S A BRILLIANT IDEA! C'MON 'BEE, THIS'LL BE FUN!

WE'VE GOT A MISSION TO ACCOMPLISH! TIME FOR SOME COOL BOT ACTION!
CLAP

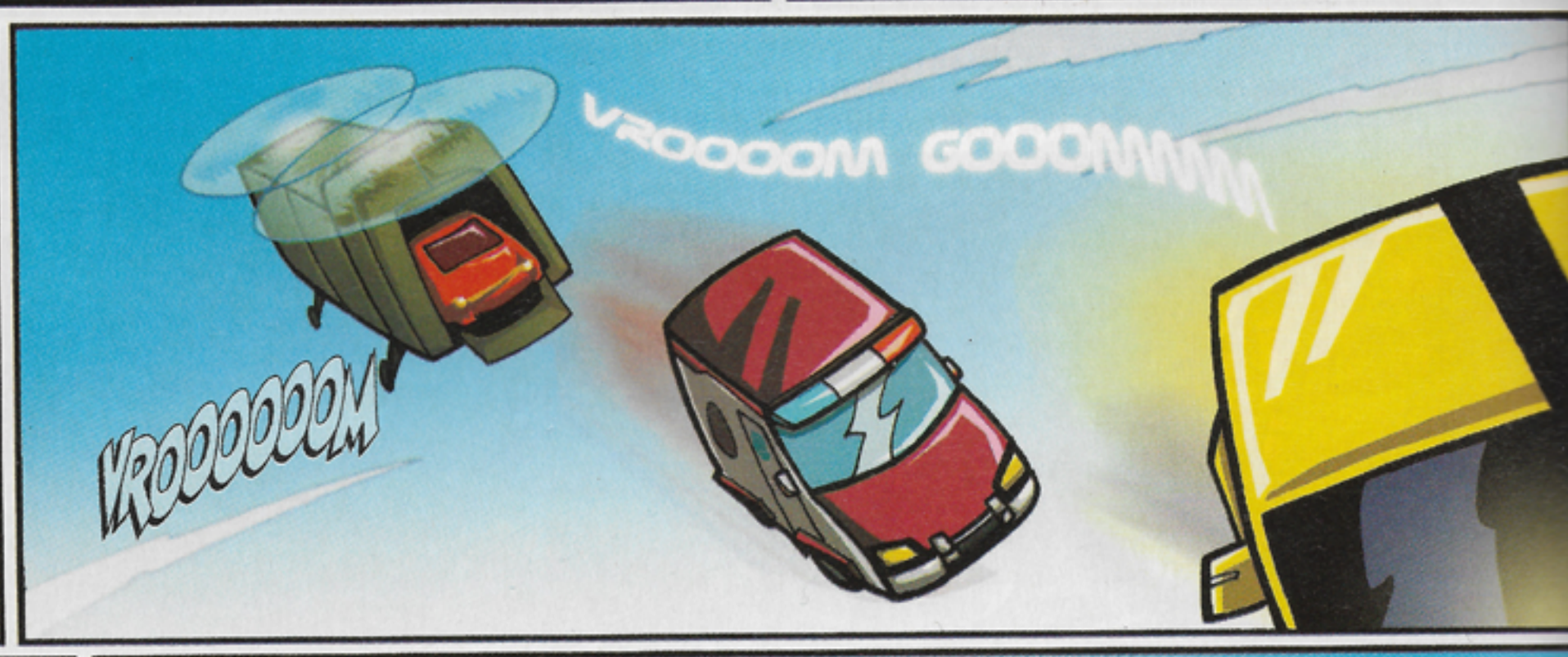
OKAY, HEROES! YOU KNOW THE DRILL! *TRANSFORM* AND *ROLL OUT*!

CLANK!
CHUNK!
CRUNK!

I'M RIDING WITH YOU!

YOU BETTER BELT UP AND HOLD ON, SARI! THIS IS GONNA BE *INTENSE*!
CLIK
BELT SECURE!...

...HIT IT!


VROOOOM GOOOMMMM
VROOOOOOM

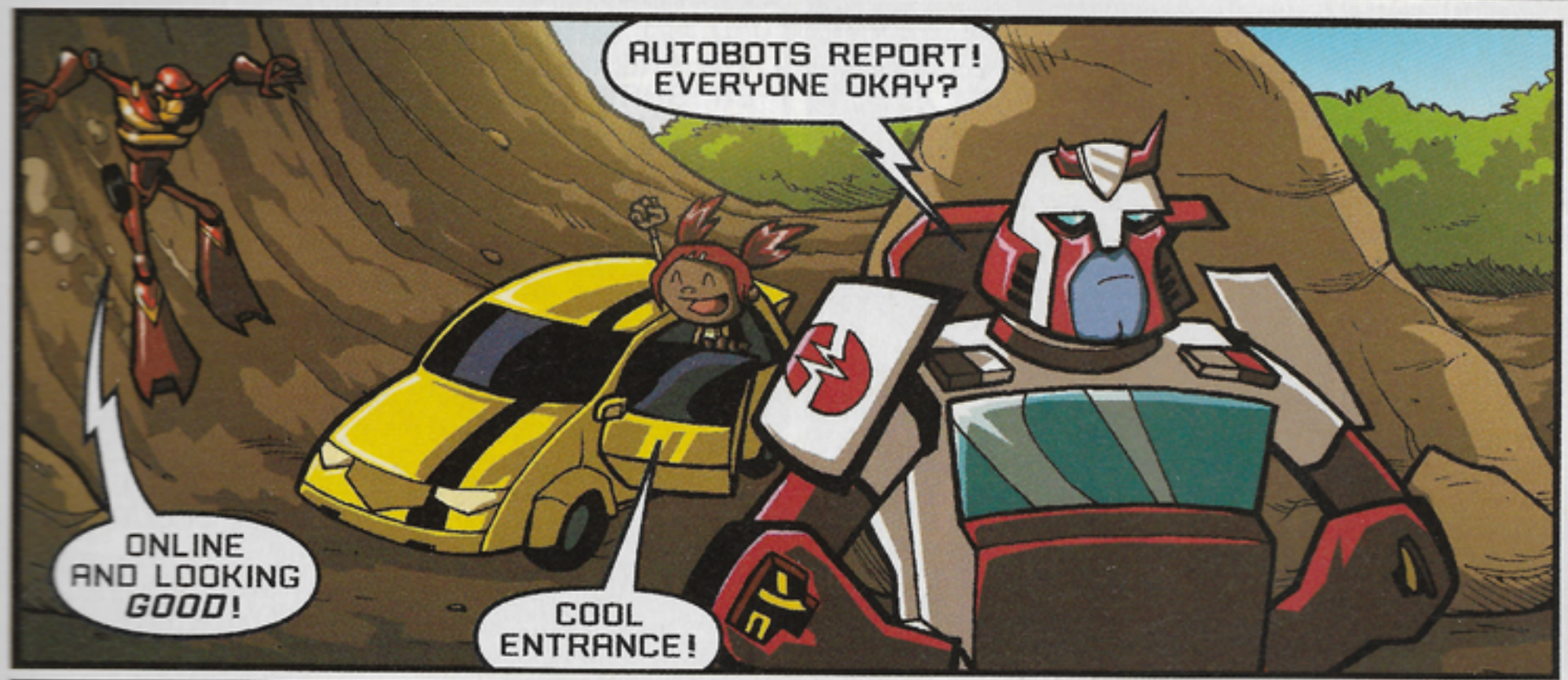
CORRECTION! THIS IS GONNA BE *BUMPY*!

WHAM
WAM
BOUNCE

WOAH! WE'RE GONNA HIT THAT ROCK!

USE YOUR BRAKES! YOU'RE A CAR!

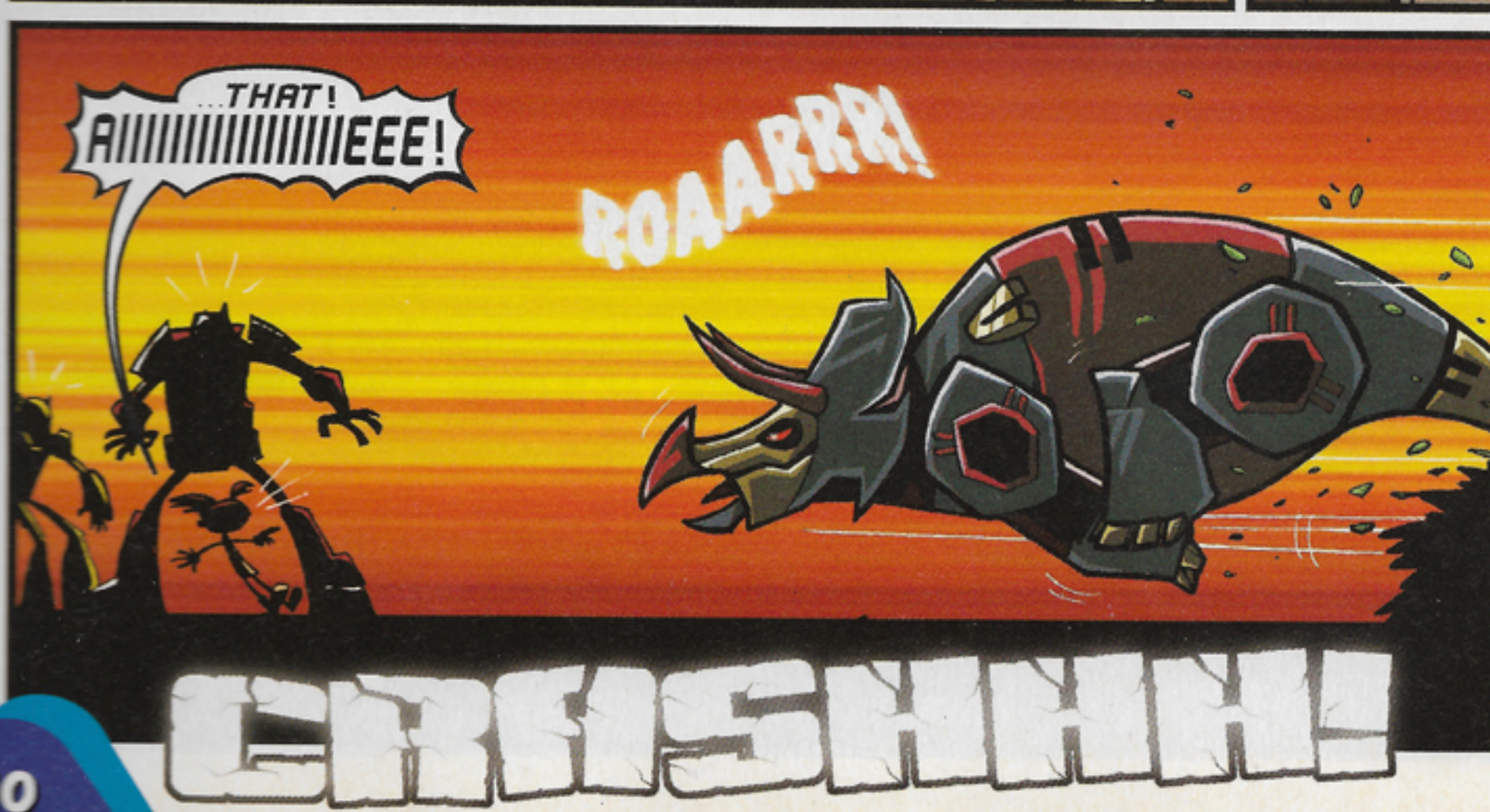
SKIIIIIIIIIIID
OH YEAH! HAHA! SOMETIMES I FORGET!


AUTOBOTS REPORT! EVERYONE OKAY?
ONLINE AND LOOKING GOOD!
COOL ENTRANCE!

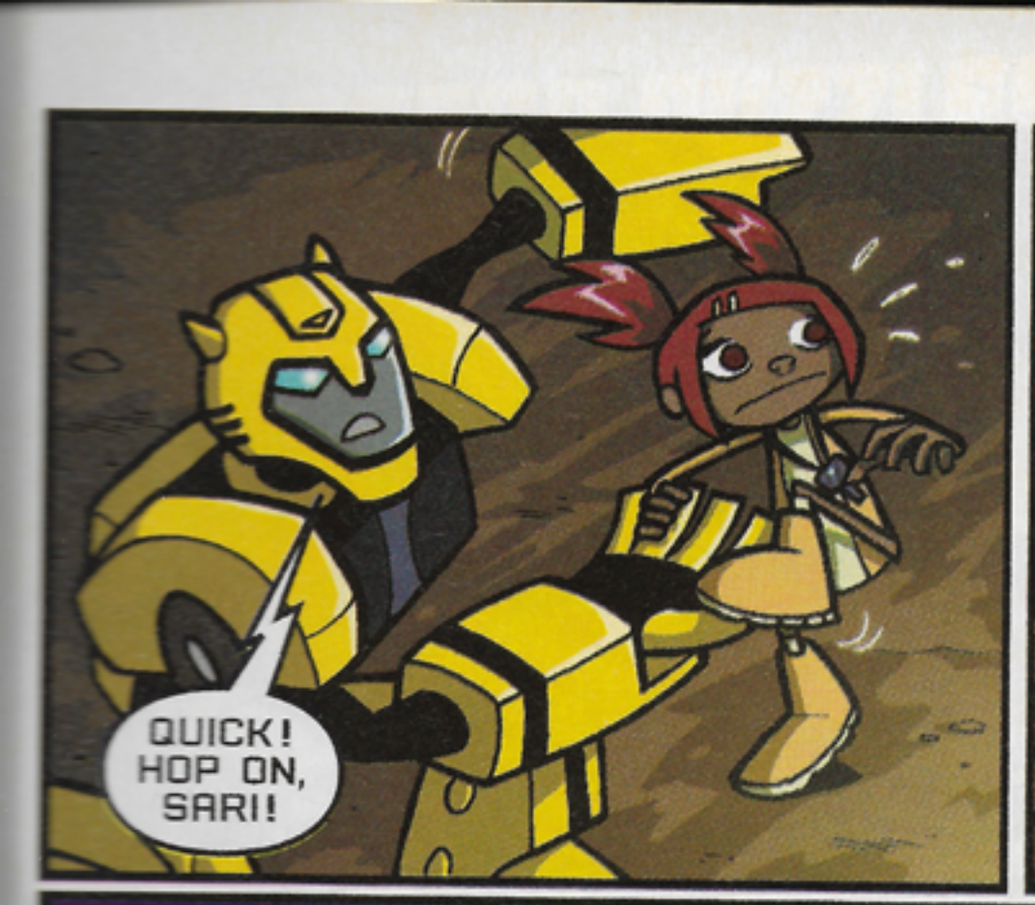
...<SHOW-OFF>...

ACCORDING TO GRIMLOCK'S EARLIER EMERGENCY TRANSMISSION BROADCAST, DINOBOTS SNARL AND SWOOP HAVE MALFUNCTIONED. SO, THE SOONER WE FIND THEM, THE BETTER.
DO YOU GUYS HEAR THAT?

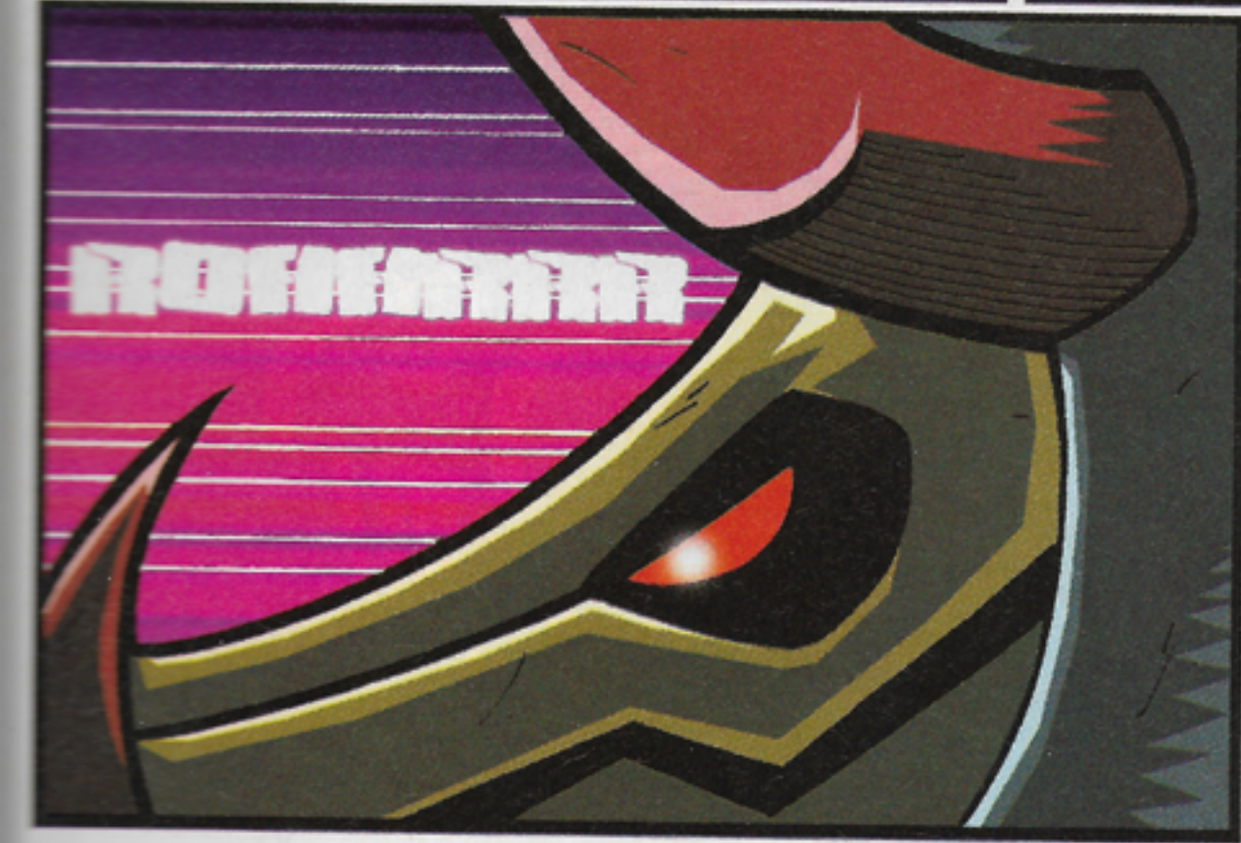
ALL I CAN HEAR IS RATCHET RUSTING! HAHA!
VERY FUNNY! WHAT DID YOU HEAR, SARI?
LIKE...


...THAT! AIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIEEE!
ROAARRR!
CRASHHH!

IT'S SNARL! AUTOBOTS, TAKE EVASIVE ACTION!


QUICK! HOP ON, SARI!

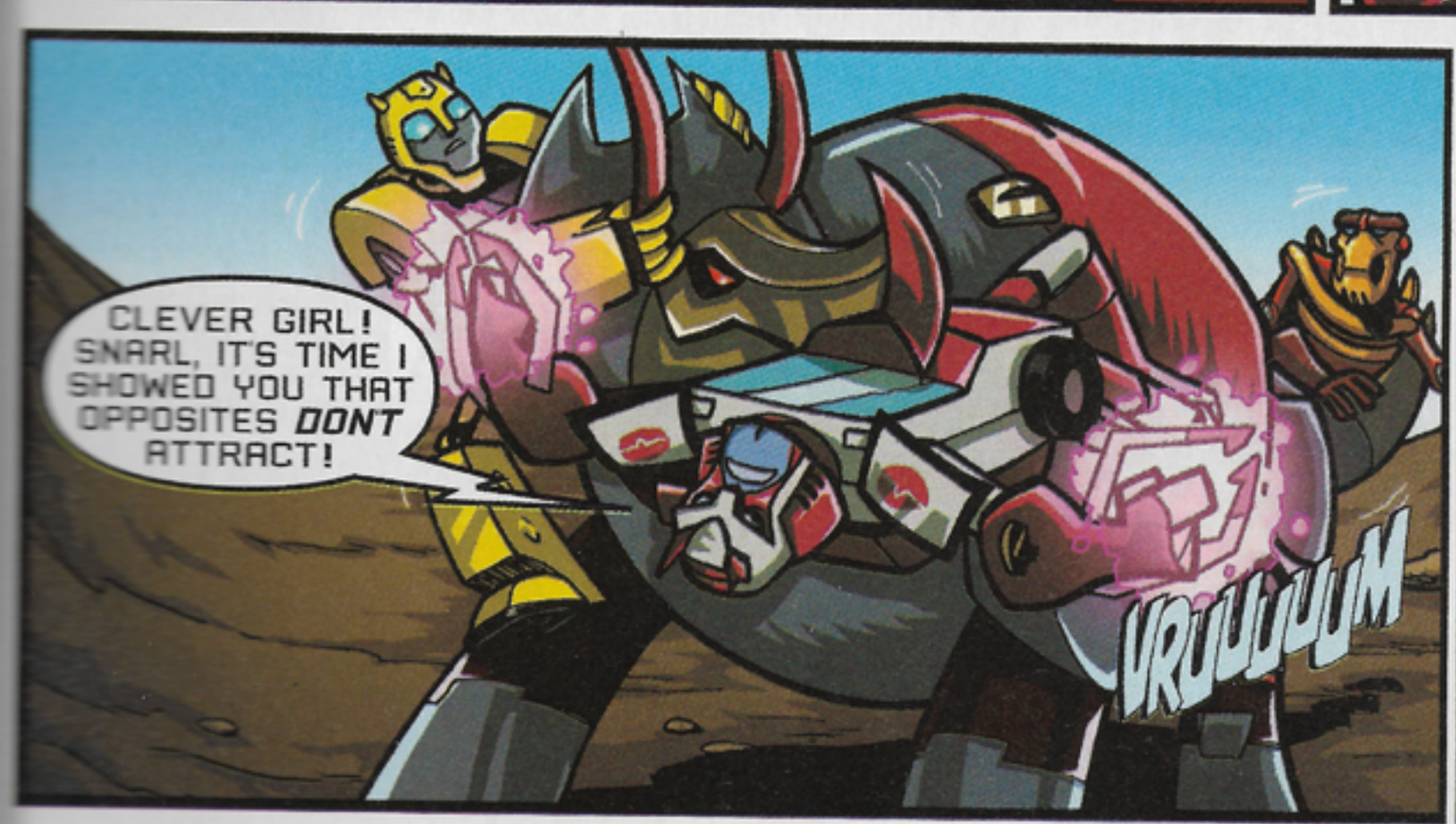
I'M GOING LEFT!
I'M GOING RIGHT!



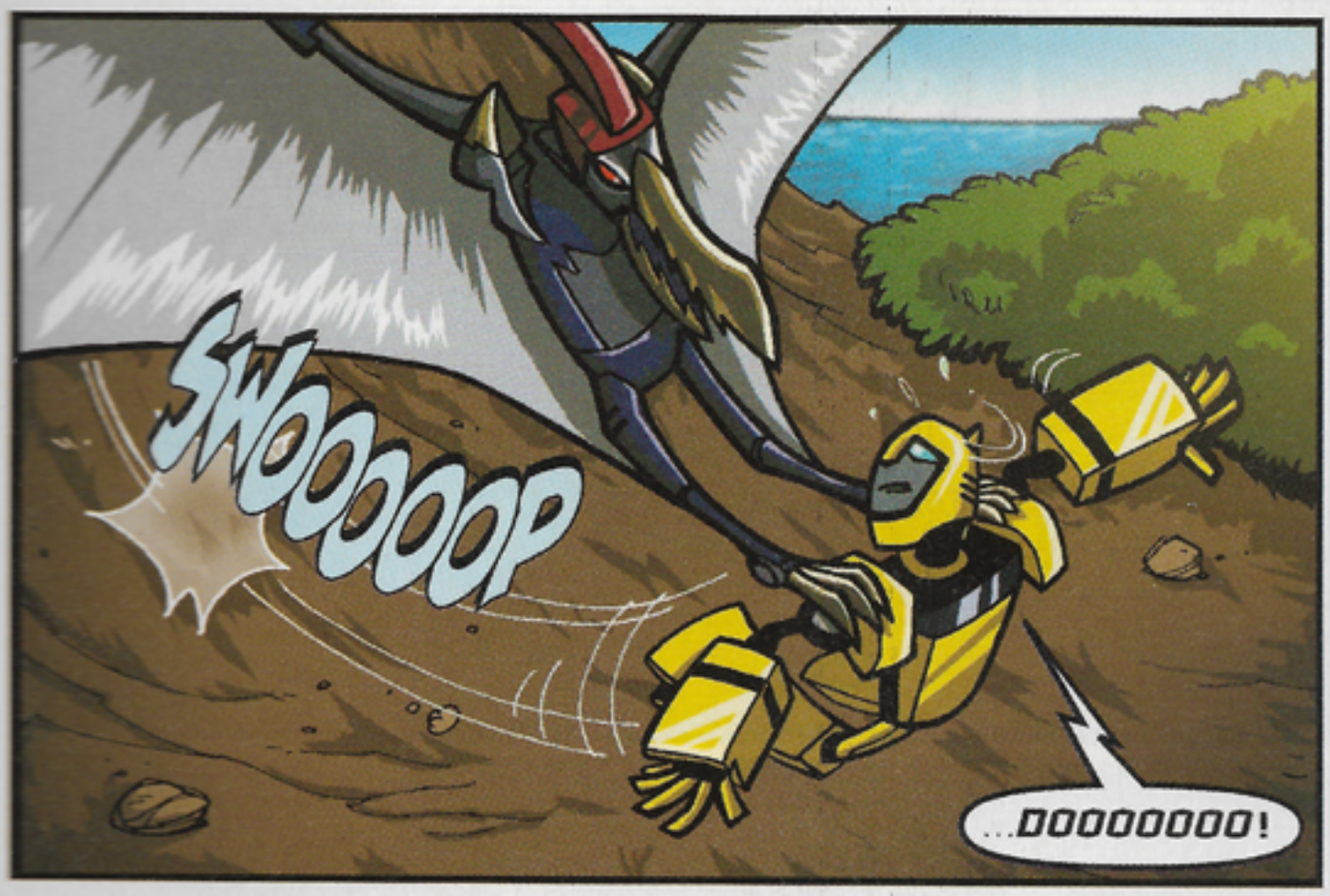
LOOKS LIKE I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

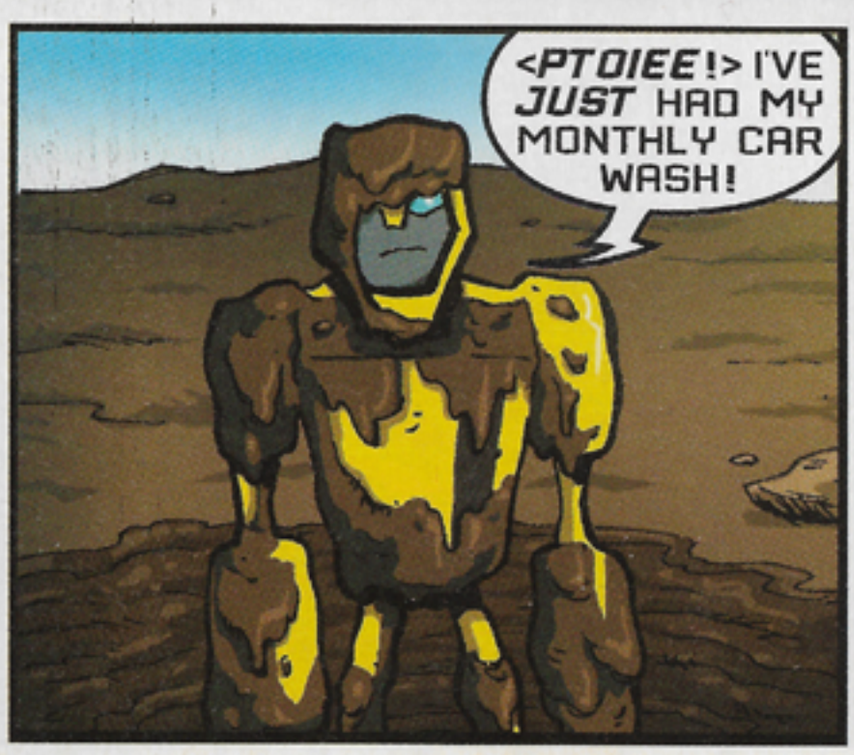
OOF! GET OFF ME, YOU OVERGROWN TIN LIZARD!
KRUNTCH
CLAMP

RATCHET! YOUR *MAGNETIC* POWERS!


CLEVER GIRL! SNARL, IT'S TIME I SHOWED YOU THAT OPPOSITES *DONT* ATTRACT!
VRUUUUUM

VRUUUUUM
'FRAID, YOU'RE JUST NOT MY TYPE!





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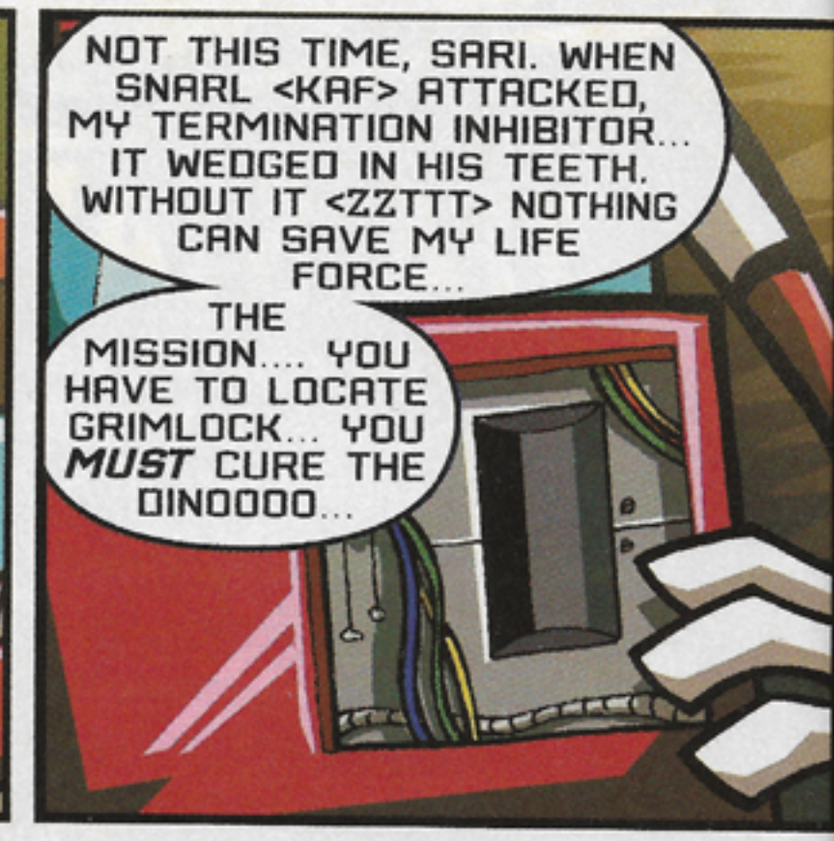
I GUESS EVERY OLD BOT HAS TO, <COUGH> GO TO THE WELL OF ALLSPARKS IN THE END...<KAF>
DON'T SAY THAT, RATCHET! MY KEY CAN *FIX* YOU!


NOT THIS TIME, SARI. WHEN SNARL <KAF> ATTACKED, MY TERMINATION INHIBITOR... IT WEDGED IN HIS TEETH. WITHOUT IT <ZZTTT> NOTHING CAN SAVE MY LIFE FORCE...
THE MISSION.... YOU HAVE TO LOCATE GRIMLOCK... YOU *MUST* CURE THE DINOOOO...

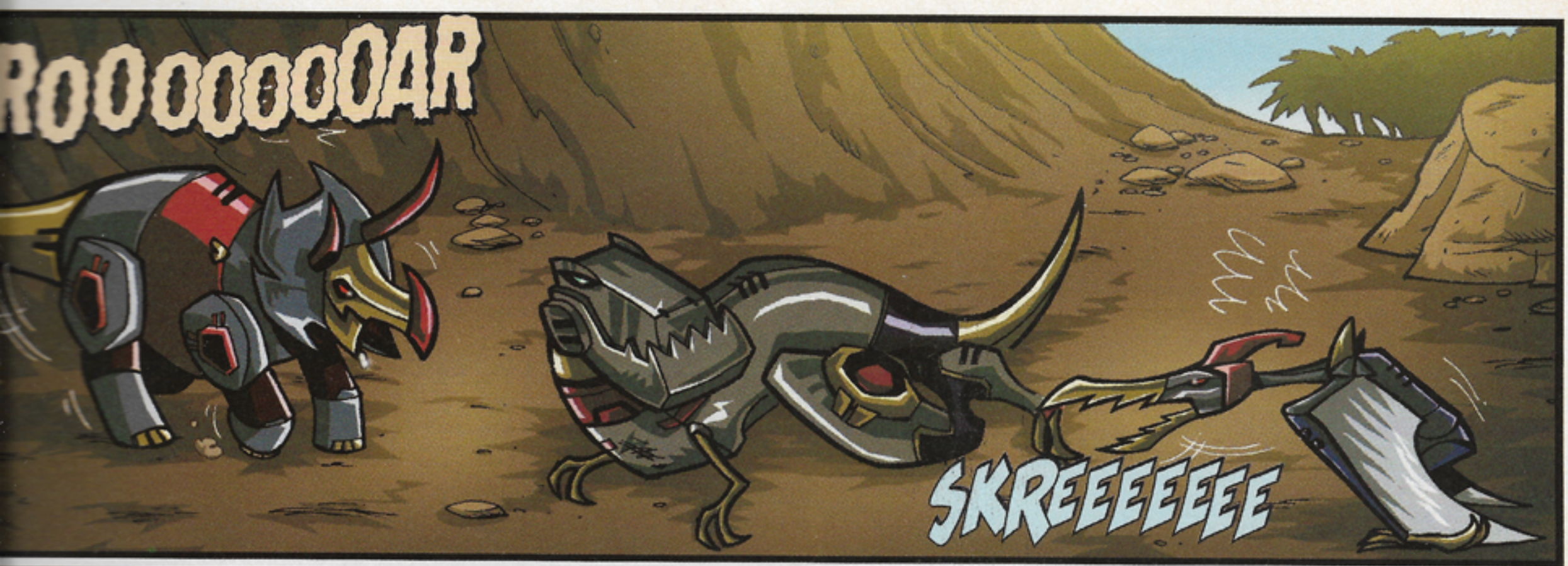
—BOTS.... <KZZZZZZZZT->
<SOB> NO! <SNIFF> RATCHET!... PLEASE DON'T GO!...
WE CAN STILL SAVE HIM, SARI. BUT ONLY IF WE CAN DISABLE SNARL AND RETRIEVE THE TERMINATION INHIBITOR.

I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED THE SYMPTOMS FROM MY ANTI-VIRUS CRASH-COURSE. THE RED EYES, THE ANGER – IT'S A *RAGE* VIRUS. FATAL IF UNTREATED.

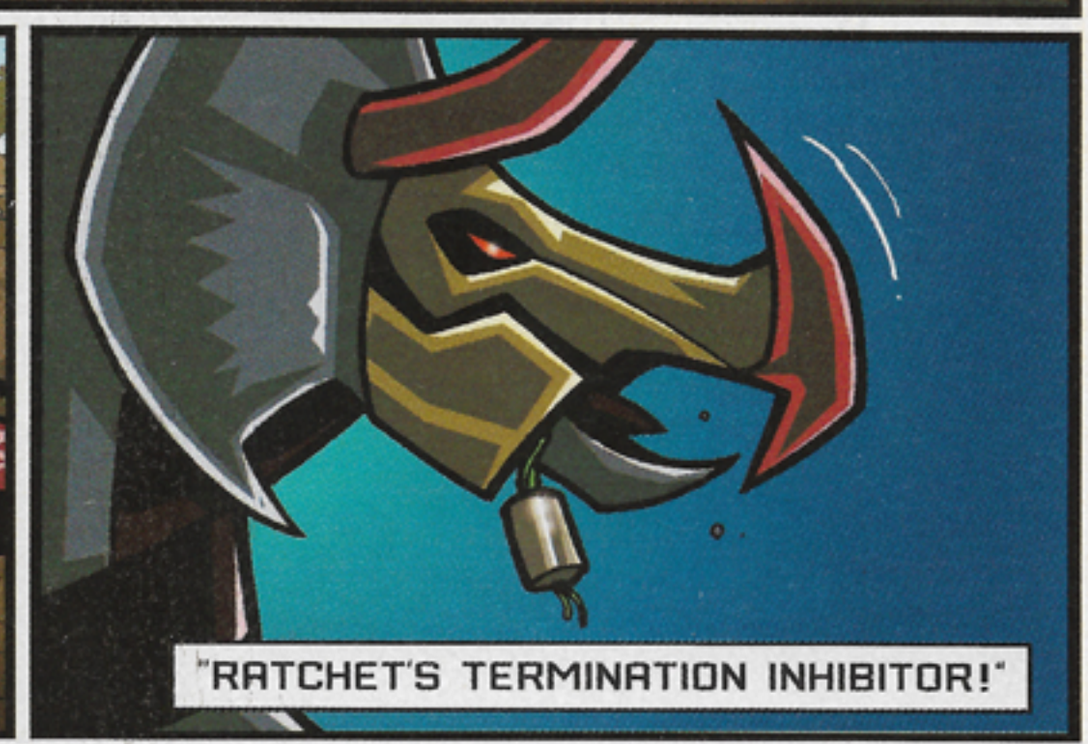
THEN HOW ON CYBERTRON DO WE STOP IT??
AS WITH MANY THINGS, SARI'S KEY HOLDS THE ANSWER!

AN AUTOBOT JOG THROUGH THE RAVAGED JUNGLE LATER...
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE RUN OUT OF JUNGLE...
YES...

...AND GRIMLOCK'S RUN OUT OF FRIENDS! *LOOK*!

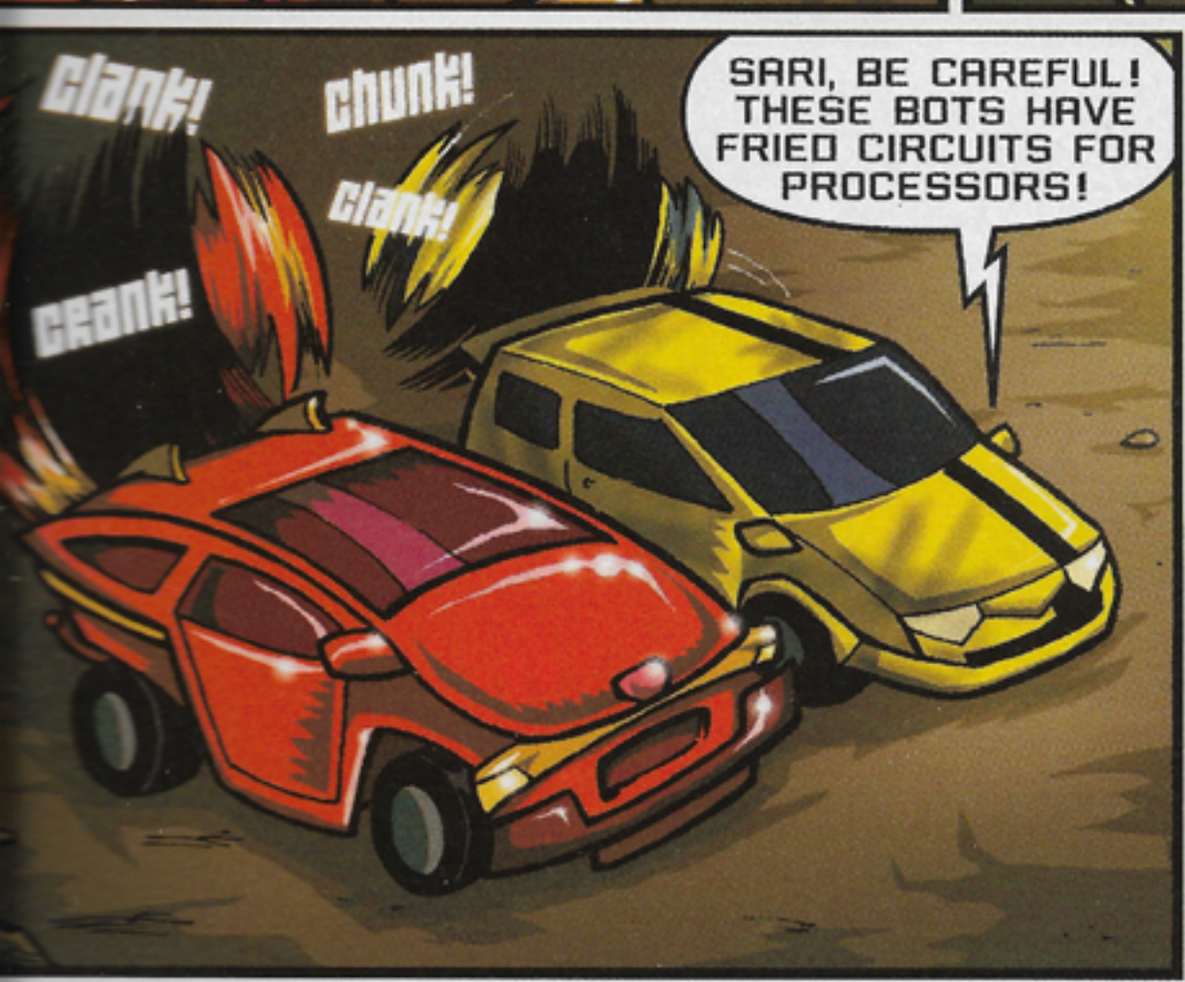

ROOOOOOOAR
SKREEEEEEE

THEY WERE ACTUALLY ABLE TO BEAT THE MIGHTY GRIMLOCK! VERY INTERESTING...
NOT AS INTERESTING AS WHAT'S HANGING FROM SNARL'S TEETH!


"RATCHET'S TERMINATION INHIBITOR!"

SO, WE'VE GOT TO SAVE GRIMLOCK, GET BACK RATCHET'S COMPONENT AND CURE THE RAMPAGING DINOS... THREE GOALS AND THREE OF US! I LIKE HAPPY COINCIDENCES!

SARI, AS THE SMALLEST, IT'S UP TO YOU TO SNEAK UP AND HELP GRIMLOCK. BUMBLEBEE'S THE QUICKEST SO HE CAN GO AFTER SNARL AND THE INHIBITOR, WHILE I GET SWOOP'S ATTENTION!
DOES THAT SOUND GOOD, FEARLESS LEADER?
IT'LL DO! BUT ONLY BECAUSE I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER PLAN!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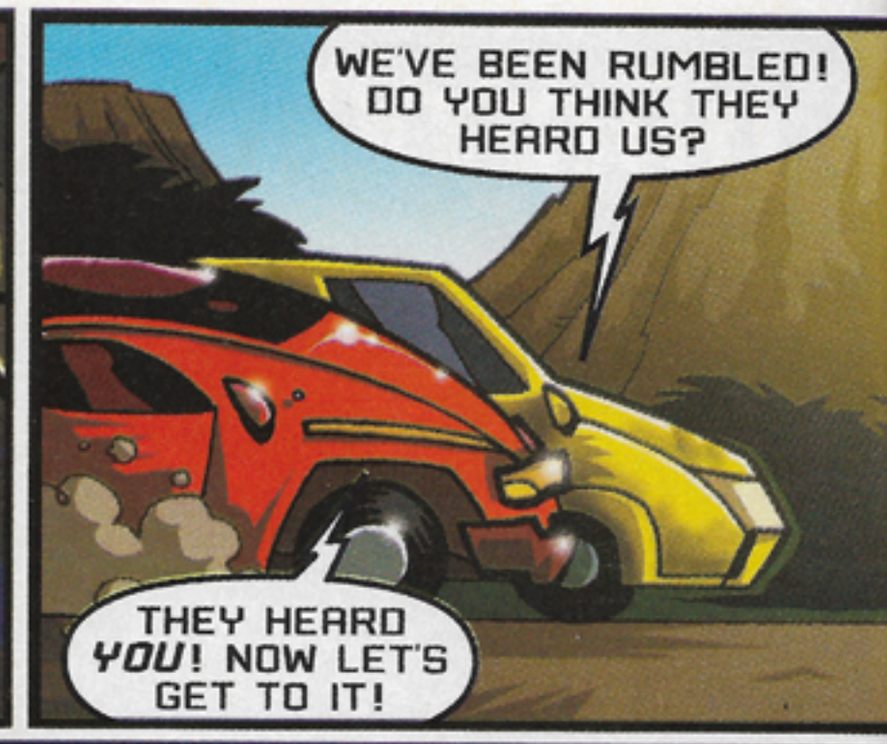
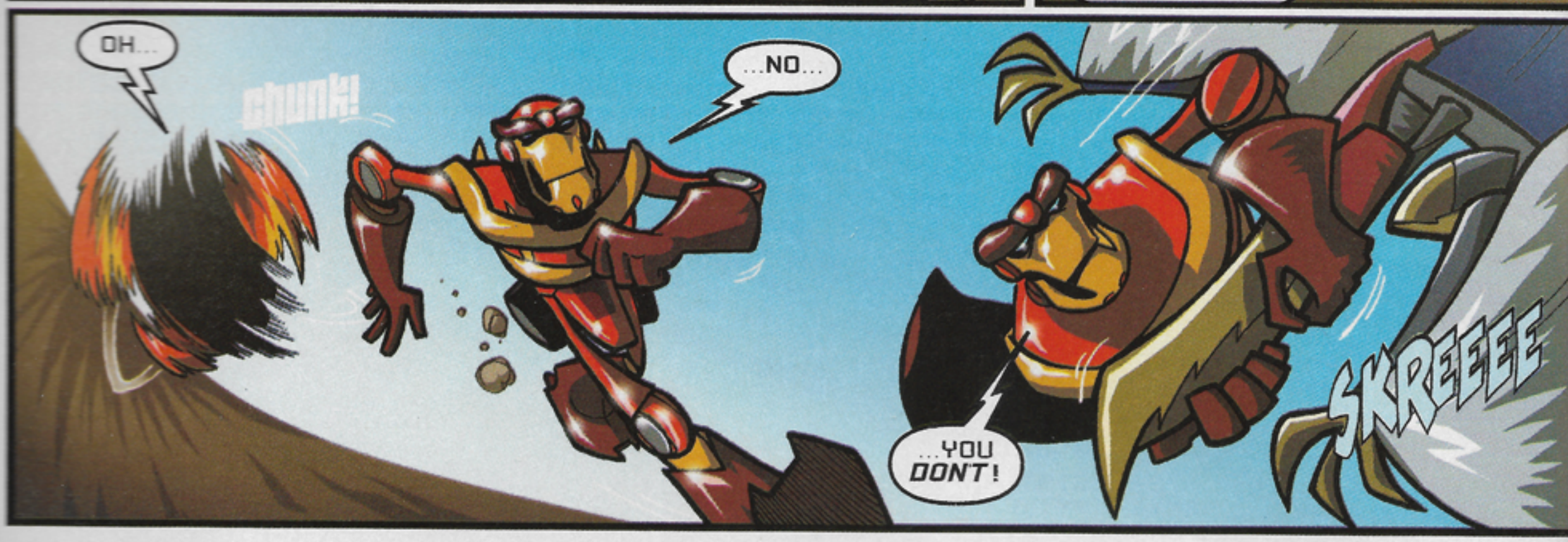
crank!
SARI, BE CAREFUL! THESE BOTS HAVE FRIED CIRCUITS FOR PROCESSORS!

I'M ALWAYS CAREFUL! HEHEHE!

VROOOOOOOOM

ROOOAR?
SKREEE?
UH-OH!


WE'VE BEEN RUMBLED! DO YOU THINK THEY HEARD US?
THEY HEARD YOU! NOW LET'S GET TO IT!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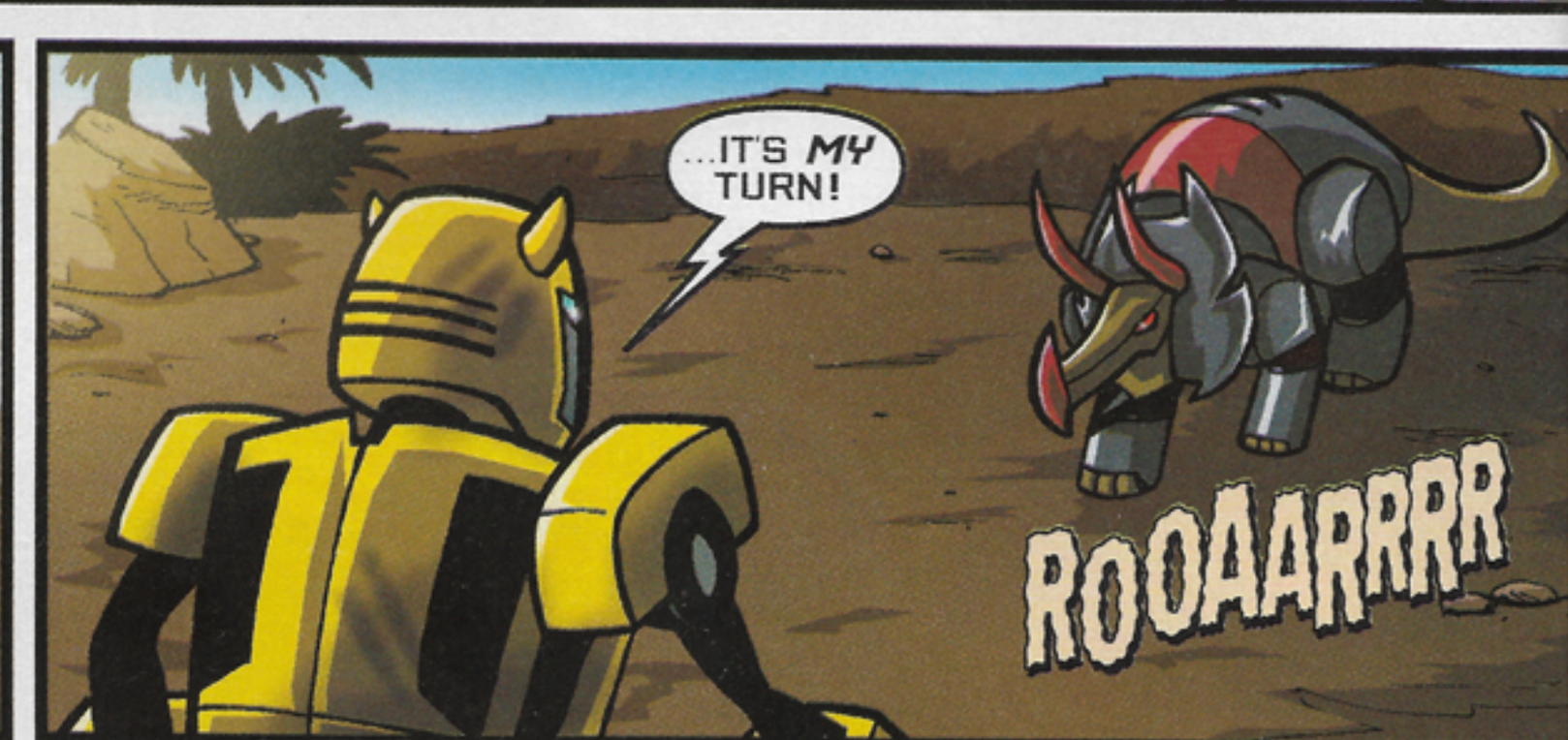
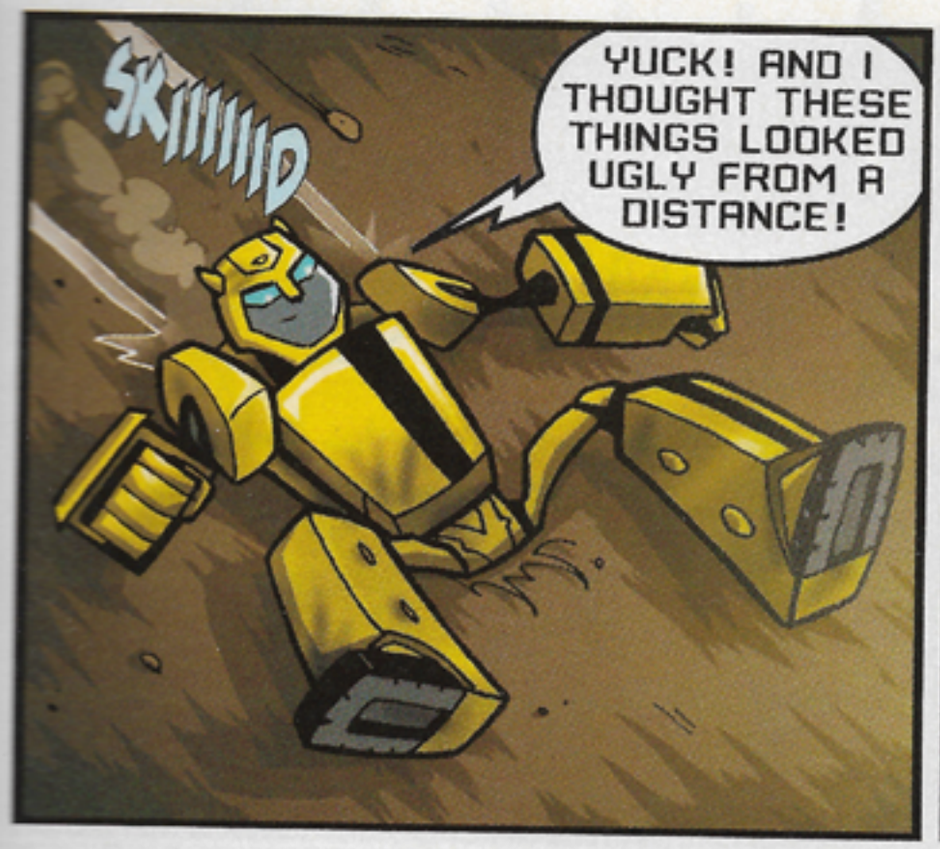
...NO...
...YOU DON'T!
SKREEEE

NICE MOVE, AFTERBURN! BUT NOW...


...IT'S MY TURN!
ROOAARRRR

YOU'VE BEEN A VERY NAUGHTY BOT AND YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CONFISCATE IT!
ROOAAR


SKIIIIIID
YUCK! AND I THOUGHT THESE THINGS LOOKED UGLY FROM A DISTANCE!

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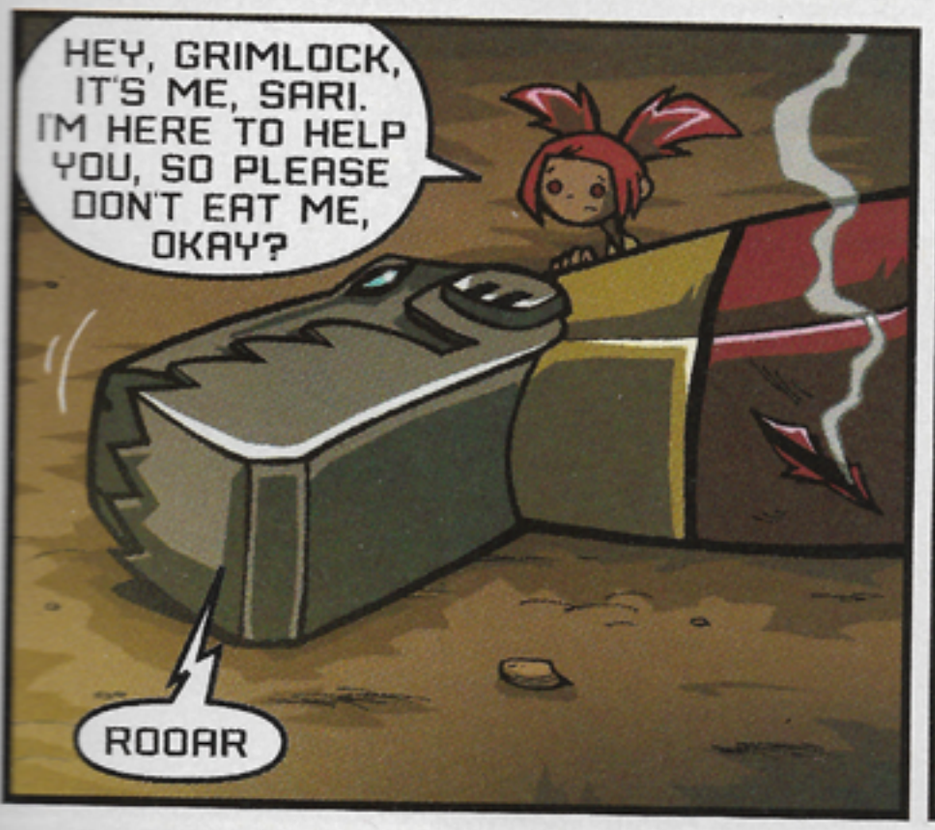
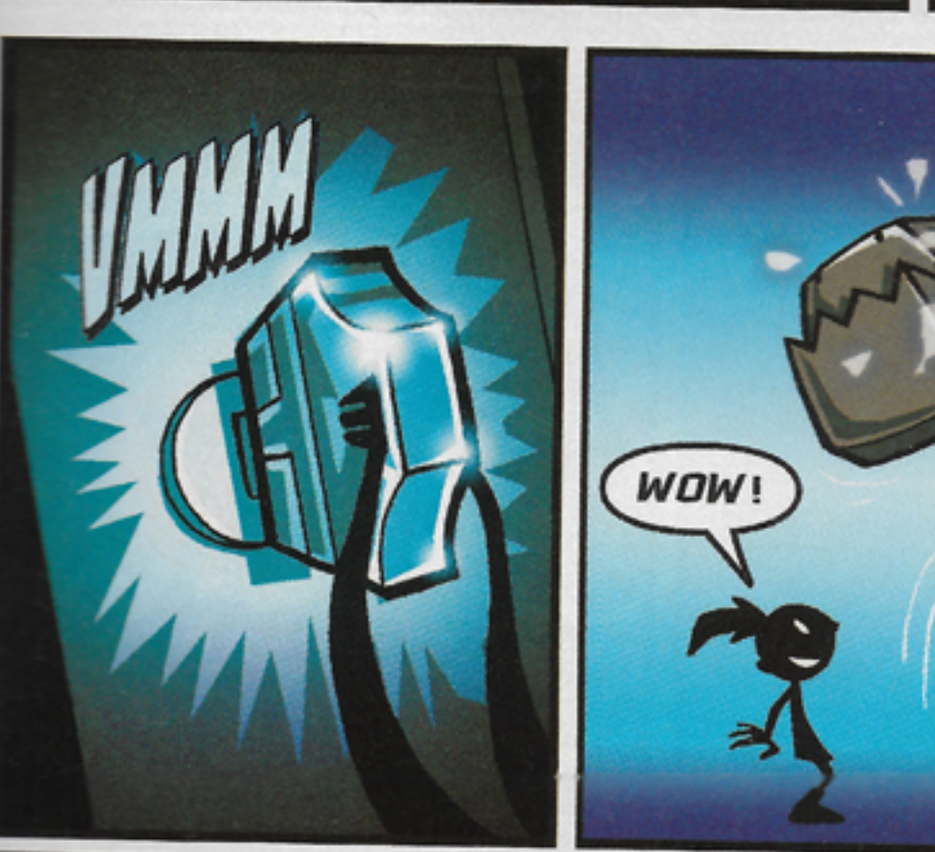
POINK
RESULT! BUMBLEBEE... ONE! SNARL... ZERO!


HEY, GRIMLOCK, IT'S ME, SARI. I'M HERE TO HELP YOU, SO PLEASE DON'T EAT ME, OKAY?
ROOAR

DON'T WORRY, TOOTHY - I'VE GOT JUST THE THING TO FIX YOU UP!

MY ALLSPARK KEY SHOULD SORT YOU OUT!
CLIK


UMMM

WOW!

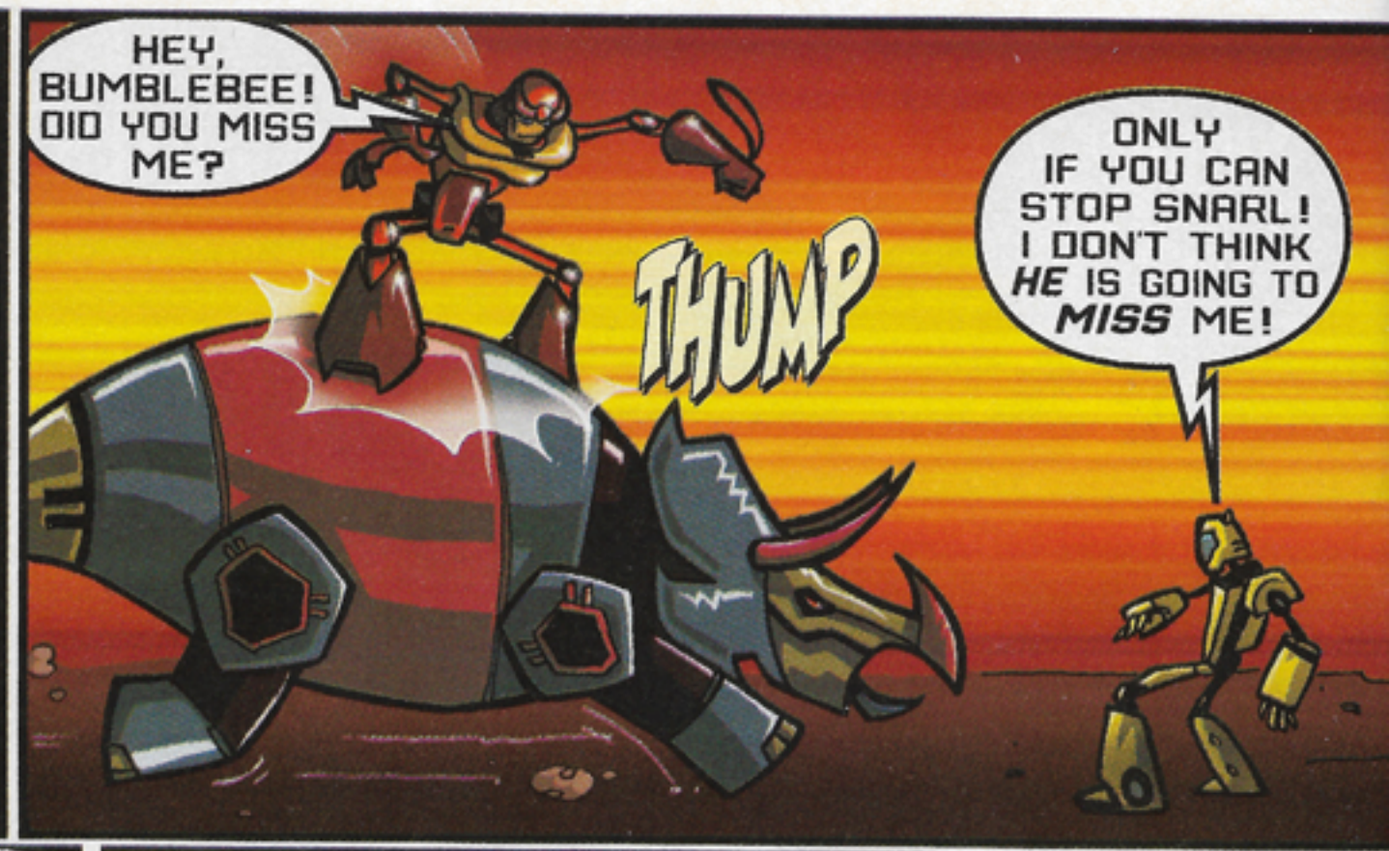
ROOAARRR

SWOOP! I'M HERE TO HELP! YOU'VE BEEN INFECTED WITH A RAGE VIRUS!

SARI! THROW ME THE KEY!

YOU'D BETTER BE GOOD AT CATCHING!

ONE CURED, ONE TO GO...
ISSSSHAAM


HEY, BUMBLEBEE! DID YOU MISS ME?
THUMP
ONLY IF YOU CAN STOP SNARL! I DON'T THINK *HE* IS GOING TO *MISS* ME!

CONSIDER HIM STOPPED!
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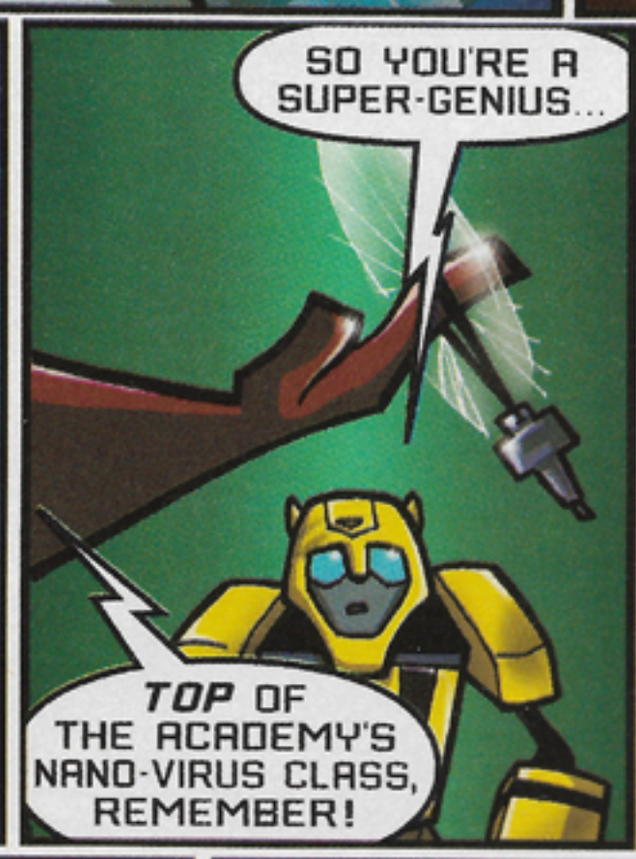
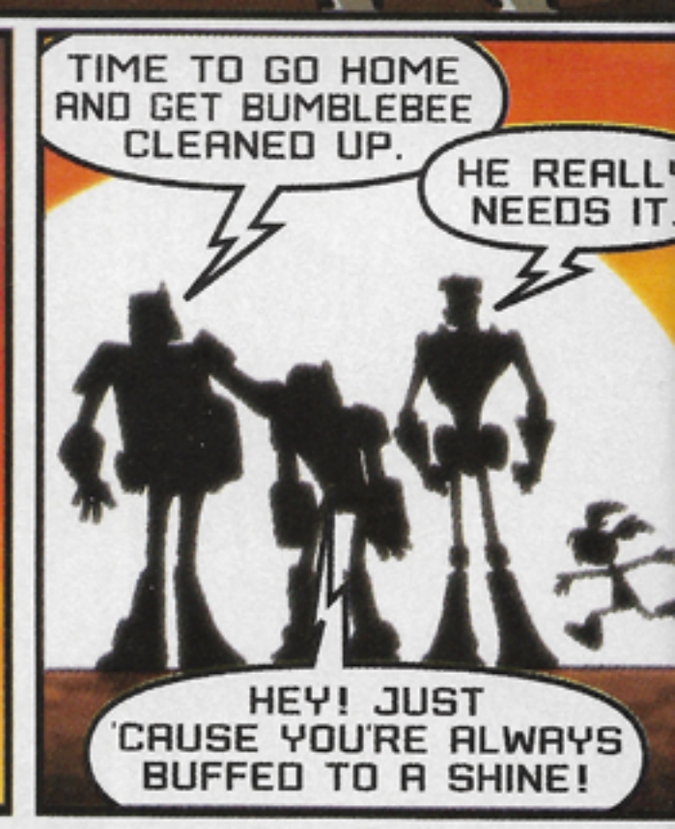

SO YOU'RE A SUPER-GENIUS...
TOP OF THE ACADEMY'S NANO-VIRUS CLASS, REMEMBER!

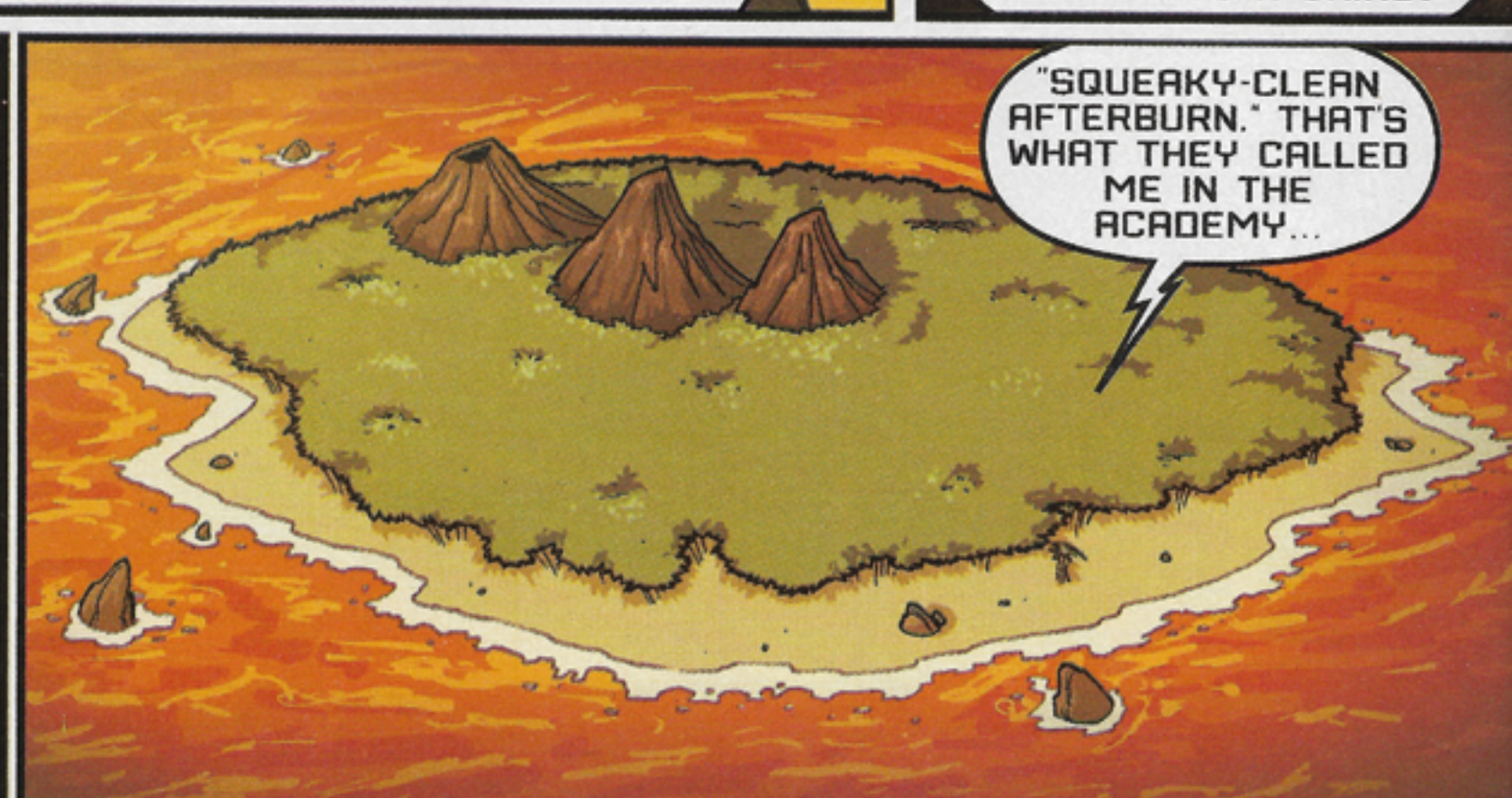
A SHORT WHILE LATER
RATCHET! WE GOT YOUR MISSING PART! WE CAN HEAL YOU, WE CAN... *HUH*?
WELL DONE, YOUNG AUTOBOT! BUT THERE'S REALLY NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. I'M FINE.

BUT... BUT...
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A TERMINATION INHIBITOR!
THAT'S THE SPARE THERMOS OF *OIL* I PACK IN CASE I GET THIRSTY!

I HAD TO SEE IF AFTERBURN WAS *REALLY* UP TO JOINING OUR RANKS! I NEEDED TO CHALLENGE HIS SKILLS.
YOU CURED THE DINOBOTS, RESCUED AND HEALED GRIMLOCK, AND YOU DID IT BY WORKING AS A *TEAM*! I'D CALL THAT A SUCCESSFUL MISSION!


TIME TO GO HOME AND GET BUMBLEBEE CLEANED UP.
HE REALL' NEEDS IT.
HEY! JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS BUFFED TO A SHINE!

I'LL ALWAYS COME UP SMELLING OF ROSE-OIL!


"SQUEAKY-CLEAN AFTERBURN." THAT'S WHAT THEY CALLED ME IN THE ACADEMY...